

all had a problem with cattle rustling. Andrew Johnson, a Watford area cattleman, was determined to do something about it. He established a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of cattle rustlers. The men at the meeting contributed \$5 each to start that fund.

This group called themselves the Western North Dakota Stock Association. They would later change their name to the Western North Dakota Stockmen's Association, and finally they took the name they hold today; the North Dakota Stockmen's Association.

This year the North Dakota Stockmen's Association is celebrating its 75th year of operation, and that \$1,000 reward still stands.

Today the North Dakota Stockmen's Association has more than 2,700 members from across the State. From education efforts that help new ranchers get a start in the cattle industry to brand registration and enforcement of the State's livestock laws, the Stockmen's Association plays an important role in all aspects of the ranching industry. And, as those of us in elected office know, the North Dakota Stockmen's Association is a strong, effective voice on behalf of its members.

In addition to serving its members, the North Dakota Stockmen's Association plays an important role in the communities in which its members live. The association worked with other members of the beef industry in North Dakota to host a Beef Industry Appreciation Day during the 2004 North Dakota State Fair. The association served free beef dinners to active duty military, Reserve, and National Guard members, and their families. The association offers college scholarships to young people who are interested in studying animal or range science, preveterinary medicine, farm and ranch management, and other subjects that help maintain a healthy farm economy.

I thank the North Dakota Stockmen's Association for their hard work. I wish them continued success and congratulate them on their 75th anniversary.●

#### HONORING WILMER AMINA CARTER

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the tremendous public service of Wilmer Amina Carter. Mrs. Carter has long served as a leader, mentor and an advocate for children in San Bernardino County. For her long-standing personal commitment to her community and to the academic achievement of young people, the city of Rialto's third high school will be named Wilmer Amina Carter High School in her honor.

The Wilmer Amina Carter High School is the first high school in the Inland Empire to be named after a living African-American woman. Mrs. Carter earned this honor through the

many pioneering and leadership roles she has assumed in her community.

Born in an era when adequate public education for African-American children was not provided, Mrs. Carter was fortunate to receive an education from her grandfather. In her professional and personal pursuits, Mrs. Carter has always worked to provide others with the immensely important and empowering opportunities afforded her through education. She capped this service with 16 years as a member of the Rialto Board of Education.

Mrs. Carter also served for 23 years as district director for the late, much revered United States Congressman George Brown, Jr. There, she carried out Congressman BROWN's directive that everyone receive careful attention and compassionate service.

Mrs. Carter used her scholarship and expertise to guide educational policy and curriculum in her community and beyond. Under her leadership, a school career education venture of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and the United States Department of Labor became a nationwide model for high school career development programs.

In her service to the Rialto Unified School District, Mrs. Carter became the first African-American member of the Rialto Board of Education in 1983 and served until 1999. Throughout her tenure on the board of education, Mrs. Carter sought to make education a valued community endeavor, helping both young people and parents navigate the school system to optimize positive outcomes. She has been an inspiring force in ensuring that our Nation's future leaders have the tools they need to achieve their dreams.

The dedication of this school reflects the impact of a woman who has provided an outstanding model of determination and service. I am confident that, true to Mrs. Carter's life work, this school's name will serve as a constant reminder to the students who pass through its doors of their immense potential to achieve and effect positive change in their local and national communities. And knowing Mrs. Carter's penchant for hands on involvement, it would not surprise me to see her at the school, working to instill those values in its students. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mrs. Wilmer Amina Carter on this much-deserved recognition.●

#### OREGON HEALTH CARE HERO

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I wish to rise today to recognize a group of dedicated public servants who are increasing access to mental health care for people in Multnomah County, OR. Because of their willingness to creatively address barriers to care, Cascadia Behavioral HealthCare and its county partners are helping Oregonians lead healthier lives.

Three years ago, Multnomah County's mental health services were in dis-

array. Budget shortfalls and the closure of three major service providers were preventing county residents from accessing care, often with tragic consequences. Because the system's clients are primarily low income, this public crisis became a personal crisis for individuals with no other options.

In response, Cascadia and its partners reorganized the county's mental health care system, bringing quality, efficient services to many citizens in need. Employing new tools such as a mobile response unit, 24-hour walk-in clinic, their creative response dramatically increased options for those in need. As a result, there has been a reduction in the hospitalization rate of adult mentally ill patients in the past year, easing the strain on county and State funds. Further, the new organization has saved more than \$5 million in the last 3 years, while helping some of the neediest residents access care.

Now, the system works. For people like Ann, an Asian-American teenager who began hearing voices in high school, access to services literally saved her life. The daughter of immigrants, Ann's family did not understand her mental illness, which was later diagnosed as schizophrenia. As her condition worsened, Ann's anxiety and suicidal thoughts increased. Eventually, she wound up in the State hospital.

Ann was referred to Cascadia Behavioral Health center where she was treated by a psychiatrist for medication management and a trainer to help her understand her diagnosis and develop coping skills. A Cascadia family therapist, working with a cultural specialist, is helping Ann and her family adjust to her diagnosed paranoid schizophrenia. She will receive additional case management and help so she can graduate high school.

For people like Ann, the availability of mental health care is absolutely crucial. But for the courage of Cascadia and its county partners, Ann and others like her may not have found the care they need to live stable, productive and rewarding lives. Because of the valuable services they provide, I recognize Cascadia Behavioral HealthCare and its partners as true health care heroes. I look forward to following their continued success.●

#### MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR: TOP MARINE CORPS INSTALLATION

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the men and women of the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar which was recently recognized as the 2004 Commander-in-Chief's Top Marine Corps Installation.

Annually, one military installation from each service receives the award for outstanding achievement in areas including mission support, family services, environmental stewardship, and quality-of-life programs.

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego consistently excels as a supportive, productive, and contributing member of the community. Miramar hosts and supports many events that integrate the San Diego community into the work of the base. It stages the largest military air show in the United States, has Cockpit Days at the Flying Leatherneck Museum which hosts 16,000 visitors annually, bimonthly tours which give community members a chance to become familiar with the Marine Corps, as well as Educators' Workshops, Community Leaders' Forums, and it provides color guards at local events.

Integral to the most powerful concentration of Navy bases in the Nation, Miramar is responsible for supporting combat-ready expeditionary aviation forces capable of worldwide, short-notice deployment as part of a Marine Corps Air-Ground Task Force. Miramar is the home of Third Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area and Reserve Support Unit and more than 10,000 Marines, Sailors, and civilian Marines.

Miramar's Marines continue to significantly contribute to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. While friends and family members are serving abroad, Operation Enduring Families, a support network for families of deployed service members, operates on the base. Miramar's dedication to defending our country while enhancing quality of life for its service members and broader community is evident as the Marines contribute to the San Diego community as speakers, teachers, mentors, and sport coaches.

Miramar achieves excellence in environmental standards, innovation, safety, efficiency, and a dedication to teamwork, honesty, and integrity. Their exemplary service continues to lead the Nation and to innovate for the next generation. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Miramar and the women and men who support it for their receipt of the 2004 Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award.●

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL RETARDATION AWARD WINNERS

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to join the Illinois chapter of the American Association on Mental Retardation, AAMR, in recognizing the recipients of the 2004 Direct Service Professional Award. These individuals are being honored for their outstanding efforts to enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Illinois.

These recipients have displayed a strong sense of humanity and professionalism in their work with persons with disabilities. Their efforts have inspired the lives of those for whom they care, and they are an inspiration to me as well. They have set a fine example of community service for all Americans to follow.

These honorees spend more than 50 percent of their time at work in direct, personal involvement with their clients. They are not primarily managers or supervisors. They are direct service workers at the forefront of America's effort to care for people with special needs. They go to work every day with little recognition, providing much needed and greatly valued care and assistance.

It is my honor and privilege to recognize the Illinois recipients of AAMR's 2004 Direct Service Professional Award: Mary Alimi-Seiwart, Patricia Baldrige, Linda Christianson, Willie Mae Clinton, Avis Ganter, Ruth Just, Linda Koch, Patricia Matuske, Harshida Mody, Barbara Purches, Mark Rodgers, Dwight Sanders, Chris Shell, Marie Sonnan, Linda Sweeney, Marla Tegtmeier, Clarence Woods, and Kim Wren.

I know my fellow Senators will join me in congratulating the winners of the 2004 Direct Service Professional Award. I applaud their dedication and thank them for their service.●

#### WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to join in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Williams Charter Township. Located in the heart of Michigan, this rural township is a close-knit community that reflects much of the best America has to offer.

John Gaffney, Charles Bradford, William Spafford, Charles Fitch, George W. Smock, and Lyman Brianard were the first to arrive in 1854 on the land that officially became Williams Charter Township. The area's waterways and roads soon became an essential route of transportation for travelers in the region. The fertile soil led to the establishment of many farms, which are providing harvests over a century later. The earliest settlers saw this land as an ideal place to begin their new lives, and by doing so, built a strong foundation for the generations that have followed.

The sesquicentennial festivities of Williams Charter Township took place this past weekend, and its residents and their families and friends came together to commemorate the land's rich history and to celebrate the continued growth of this wonderful community. The occasion was marked with many memorable activities, including living historical re-enactments and an awards ceremony to honor some of the township's most outstanding citizens.

I know my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating the residents of Williams Charter Township on this important milestone. I am proud to represent this township and wish them many more years of success and happiness.●

#### HONORING COLONEL ART WHITE, USMC

● Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, as a veteran Marine and friend, I rise today to pay tribute to COL Art White, who will complete his 3-year tour of duty with the United States Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs on December 1, 2004. I have had the pleasure to work with Colonel White on many occasions. In his role as the director of the Marine Corps' Senate Liaison Office, he has provided tremendous support while acting as the principal conduit for information between the Marine Corps and many Members of this eminent body. His affable personality and attention to duty contributed to a highly successful relationship between the U.S. Senate and the U.S. Marine Corps. His dedication to the Members of the United States Senate will be sorely missed.

Art White was born and raised in Westchester, NY. After high school in New York, he attended Georgetown University, where he also played basketball for the Hoyas, graduating in 1976. In 1977, Colonel White received a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and subsequently reported to Quantico, VA, to take on the challenge of becoming a marine officer. During his subsequent 27-year career in the Marine Corps that included both active and reserve duty, Art served as an infantry officer, aide de camp to the assistant division commander of the 1st Marine Division, a communications officer, a civil affairs officer, a counterintelligence officer, and a reserve mobilization officer.

In 1980, Colonel White left active duty and transitioned to the Marine Corps Reserve. He then attended the Seattle University School of Law, graduating in 1983, and began a long, distinguished career in public service. He served as a professional staff member for the Republican Policy Committee chaired by our former colleague from the great State of Texas, Senator John Tower; as a staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives; as the director of legislative affairs for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Commerce Department; and as the deputy assistant director for legislative affairs for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

In December, 2001, Colonel White was ordered to active duty to serve as the director of the Marine Corps' Liaison office in the Senate. Since that time, he has been a key player in maintaining effective relationships between the Marine Corps, my colleagues in the Senate, professional committee staff, and personal staff members. In particular, he responded to thousands of congressional inquiries, ranging from such sensitive issues as notification of combat casualties during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, to providing timely information on the operation, organization and budget of the Marine Corps. He also planned and executed approximately 33 international congressional delegations. I